

Claim Amendments:

1 (previously presented). A liquid holding vessel, comprising:
a liquid holding member having an exposed exterior surface formed of plastic with no visible seam;
a separately formed handle that is coupled to said liquid holding member at a bottom region thereof; and
a base member coupled to said liquid holding member substantially below said liquid holding member and said handle;
wherein said handle has a first end that is coupled to said liquid holding member and an opposing end that is free standing and configured for being held by a user, said first end being positioned between said base member and a bottom of said liquid holding member.

2 (original). The vessel of claim 1, further comprising a fastener coupled through said base member to said liquid holding member in a manner that secures said handle between said base member and said liquid holding member.

3 (original). The vessel of claim 1, wherein said liquid holding member includes a shell and a separately formed lining.

4 (previously presented). A liquid holding vessel, comprising:
a liquid holding member;
a handle having a first end that is coupled to said liquid holding member at a bottom thereof;
a base member provided substantially below said liquid holding member; and
a single fastener that secures said liquid holding member, said handle and said base member;
wherein said liquid holding member includes a shell and a separately formed lining; and
wherein said lining and said base member are formed of metallic material, and said lining has a top lip that extends over a top edge of said shell and said base member has a bottom lip that extends beyond a bottom edge of said shell.

5 (original). The vessel of claim 3, wherein said lining is formed of a metallic material.

6 (currently amended). The vessel of claim 3, further comprising a single fastener that in cooperation with the configuration of the liquid holding member and handle fixedly ~~and non-rotatably~~ secures said lining, shell, handle and base member.

7 (original). The vessel of claim 3, wherein said lining has a top lip that extends over a top edge of said shell and said base member has a bottom lip that extends beyond a bottom edge of said shell.

8 (previously presented). The vessel of claim 3, wherein said one of said shell and said handle includes a protrusion and the other of said shell and said handle includes a corresponding recess, the protrusion engaging the recess for securing said handle to said shell.

9 (previously presented). A liquid holding vessel, comprising:

- a liquid holding member;

- a handle having an attachment end that is coupled to said liquid holding member at a bottom thereof and a handle end to be held by a user during use;

- a base member provided substantially below said liquid holding member and configured with said liquid holding member and said handle to obscure the attachment end of said handle from view; and

- a single fastener that in cooperation with the configuration of the liquid holding member and handle fixedly secures said liquid holding member, said handle and said base member.

10 (previously presented). The vessel of claim 9, wherein said base member is mounted to said liquid holding member in a manner that secures the attachment end of said handle substantially between said liquid holding member and said base member, and the handle end of said handle is free standing and configured for being held by a user.

11 (original). The vessel of claim 9, wherein said liquid holding member includes a shell and a separately formed lining.

12 (original). The vessel of claim 11, wherein said shell has an exposed exterior surface formed of plastic with no visible seam.

13 (original). The vessel of claim 11, wherein said lining is formed of a metallic material.

14 (original). The vessel of claim 11, wherein said lining and said base member are formed of metallic material, and said lining has a top lip that extends over a top edge of said shell and said base member has a bottom lip that extends beyond a bottom edge of said shell.

15 (original). The vessel of claim 11, wherein said single fastener secures said lining, shell, handle and base member.

16 (previously presented). A liquid holding vessel, comprising:
a liquid holding member;
a handle having an attachment end that is coupled to said liquid holding member at a bottom thereof;

a base member provided substantially below said liquid holding member and said handle member; and

wherein said base member is mounted to said liquid holding member in a manner that secures said handle substantially between said liquid holding member and said base member;

wherein said liquid holding member includes a shell and a separately formed lining; and

wherein said lining and said base member are formed of metallic material, and said lining has a top lip that extends over a top edge of said shell and said base member has a bottom lip that extends beyond a bottom edge of said shell.

17 (previously presented). The vessel of claim 16, wherein the attachment end of said handle is coupled to said liquid holding member and an opposing user end of said handle is free standing and configured for being held by a user.

18 (original). The vessel of claim 17, wherein said shell has an exposed exterior surface formed of plastic with no visible seam.

19 (original). The vessel of claim 17, wherein said lining is formed of a metallic material.

20 (previously presented). The vessel of claim 17, wherein said base member is configured with said liquid holding member and said handle to obscure the attachment end of said handle from view.

21 (original). The vessel of claim 16, further comprising a single fastener that securely holds said lining, shell, handle and base member.

22 (currently amended). A fluid holding vessel, comprising:
a shell formed of plastic;
a lining formed separately from said shell and positioned at least in part within said shell;
a handle member extending from a bottom region of said vessel;
and

a base member fixedly coupled to at least one of said shell and lining ~~and configured in cooperation with said shell, lining and handle to secure said handle to said shell in a fixed and non-rotatable manner;~~
wherein the handle is attached between the base and a bottom of the lining and maintained in a fixed position at least in part by the compressive force exerted by the coupling of the base to one of the shell and lining.

23 (original). The vessel of claim 22, wherein there is no visible seam on the exposed exterior surface of said shell.

24 (original). The vessel of claim 22, wherein said lining includes a metallic material.

25 (original). The vessel of claim 22, wherein said handle has a first end that is coupled between said shell and base member and an

opposing end that is free standing and configured for being held by a user.

26 (original). The vessel of claim 22, wherein said lining and said base are formed of metallic material, and said lining has a top lip that extends over a top edge of said shell and said base member has a bottom lip that extends beyond a bottom edge of said shell.

27 (original). The vessel of claim 22, further comprising a non-skid pad coupled to said base member.

28 (original). The vessel of claim 22, further comprising a single fastener that securely holds said lining, shell, handle and base member.